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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

JIDDA AND CAIRO FOR ATHERTON

1. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE USEFUL TO KNOW HOW EGYPTIANS REACT TO OUR REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE THEIR PILOT TRAINING IN SAUDI ARABIA, AS BACKDROP FOR YOUR DISCUSSION WITH IRANIANS PER REFTEL. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD AWAIT WORD FROM ATHERTON ON HIS TALK WITH EGYPTIANS BEFORE CARRYING OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. FOR ATHERTON: I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HELMS TO BE ABLE TO TELL IRANIANS THAT YOU HAVE MADE YOUR SECRET

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APPROACH TO EGYPTIANS. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL

IF HE CAN TELL THEM THAT THE EGYPTIANS REACTED POSITIVELY
TO OUR REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE RUN
MUCH RISK IN DELAYING HELMS' APPROACH TO THE IRANIANS FOR
A DAY OR SO AFTER YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO THE EGYPTIANS. KISSINGER

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